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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle insurance and safety courses;
2 amending RCW 48.19.460 and 28A.220.900; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.220 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.19.460 and 1987 c 377 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Any schedule of rates or rating plan for automobile liability
8 and physical damage insurance submitted to or filed with the
9 commissioner shall provide for an appropriate reduction in premium
10 charges except for underinsured motorist coverage for those insureds
11 who are fifty-five years of age and older, for a two-year period after
12 successfully completing a motor vehicle accident prevention course
13 meeting the criteria of the department of licensing with a minimum of
14 eight hours, or additional hours as determined by rule of the
15 department of licensing. An eight-hour program-learning self-

1 instruction course shall be made available in areas in which a
2 classroom course meeting the criteria of this section is not offered.
3 The classroom course may be conducted by a public or private agency
4 approved by the department. The self-instruction course shall be
5 conducted by an agency approved by the department to conduct classroom
6 courses under this section.

7 (2) Any schedule of rates or rating plan for automobile liability
8 and physical damage insurance submitted to or filed with the
9 commissioner shall provide for an appropriate reduction in premium
10 charges, except for underinsured motorist coverage, for those insureds
11 who: (a) Are between seventeen and twenty-five years of age; (b) have
12 completed a traffic safety education course as defined in RCW
13 28A.220.020; (c) are enrolled, on at least a part-time basis, in a high
14 school, vocational school, or institution of higher education, or have
15 successfully graduated from same, and; (d) have a current or latest
16 cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale, or an equivalent
17 average ranking, the average having been maintained for at least one
18 school year.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.220.900 and 1969 ex.s. c 218 s 7 are each amended
20 to read as follows:

21 It is the purpose of this act to provide the financial assistance
22 necessary to enable each high school district to offer a course in
23 traffic safety education and by that means to develop in the youth of
24 this state a knowledge of the motor vehicle laws, an acceptance of
25 personal responsibility on the public highways, and an understanding of
26 the causes and consequences of traffic accidents, with an emphasis on
27 the consequences, both physical and legal, of the use of drugs or
28 alcohol in relation to operating a motor vehicle. The course in
29 traffic safety education shall further provide to the youthful drivers

1 of this state training in the skills necessary for the safe operation
2 of motor vehicles.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.220
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The superintendent of public instruction shall include information
6 on the effects of alcohol and drug use on motor vehicle operators,
7 including information on drug and alcohol related traffic injury and
8 mortality rates in the state of Washington, and current penalties for
9 driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol in instructional
10 material used in traffic safety education courses.